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rapher at a lumber mill, some few blocks from the water front, became ill with what was supposed to be measles of a malignant type. As a case of confinement was immediately expected at his boarding house he was conveyed to a private hospital, where he shortly died. A consultation had immediately before death established it to be a case of confluent smallpox. Two of the nurses who had been in contact with this case were taken with smallpox, and a female patient in the hospital (then recently operated) discharged about the same time, as recovered, went to her home in Oakland (about 6 miles distant), where she became ill with smallpox and is now isolated, and the house quarantined, at her home. Two other persons, nurses, of those first-mentioned cases have developed smallpox. These 4 are isolated in the isolation ward of the hospital referred to, and both of these buildings are now quarantined.

Some fourteen days ago a white man claiming to be a recently discharged soldier from the United States Army and lately stationed in Texas (point not yet ascertained), was taken by the police to the pest-house of the city and county (of San Francisco) hospital (municipal) where he developed a disease variously diagnosed as hæmorrhagic measles and as smallpox. He stated, he had shortly before, while in Texas, handled "a number" of bodies recently dead with smallpox. This case was fatal. The nurse in attendance upon him has developed what is pronounced by competent judges to be smallpox. This office has been unable to learn of any other cases of this disease in this vicinity.

The board of health of this city is fully apprised of the situation and has the disease well in hand. No apprehension exists.

Respectfully, yours,

JAMES M. GASSAWAY,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

ILLINOIS.

*Contagious diseases in Chicago.*

CHICAGO, ILL., June 4, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report relative to contagious diseases in this city during the week ended June 3, 1899, viz, 12 certificates of death were returned to the office of the commissioner of health giving diphtheria as the cause, 64 cases being reported; also 11 giving scarlet fever as the cause, 121 cases being reported.

Respectfully, yours,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

CHICAGO, ILL., June 12, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report relative to contagious diseases in this city during the week ended June 10, 1899, viz, 18 certificates of death were returned to the office of the commissioner of health giving diphtheria as the cause, 76 cases being reported, also 13 giving scarlet fever the cause, 97 cases being reported.

Respectfully, yours,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*